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ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE FOR A FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

1. As part of its services to delegations, the interim secretariat has been making available, electronically, documents of the Committee and other information produced by the interim secretariat.

2. As at the end of the tenth session, the interim secretariat will again distribute diskettes of documents at the end of this session, during the last plenary meeting on Friday, 17 February. In addition to the documents of the eleventh session, the directory of participants, and country information from CC:INFO will also be made available on these diskettes.

3. The interim secretariat has also been making available all Committee documents through on-line computer networks. From the first session of the Committee, documents have been made available on all APC networks, at the conference address: inc.climate. This service will continue. Delegates wishing to access documents in this manner need to have an account with one of the APC networks.

4. As of this session, the interim secretariat has also started to make documents available on the World Wide Web (Web) on the Internet - a facility that is operated by the UNEP/WMO Information Unit on Climate Change (IUCC), at the Web address: http://www.unep.ch/iucc.html. The Web does not need an account, so in theory it is accessible to all. In practice, however, high-speed computer communication facilities are required for accessing this facility on the Internet. At present, the full text of the Convention and documents of the ninth, tenth and eleventh sessions of the Committee are available on

the Web, as well as information on the state of ratification of the Convention. The latter will be continuously updated, so that information viewed on the Web will always be up to date.

5. Advance versions of official documents can also be sent by direct electronic mail. Interested delegations may wish to contact the interim secretariat for details on how this facility works.

6. Delegations wishing to find out how these computer networks operate, and how UNFCCC and related information can be accessed may wish to address representatives of the APC networks in Conference Room B, where an on-line computer facility is available for the duration of this session. Using this service, delegations and observers may send and receive electronic mail and access on-line information sources on the Internet.

7. Following the eleventh session, the interim secretariat will increase its use of the Web for making available, in addition to the official documents, other relevant information such as the national communications submitted by Parties, as well as country information processed by the CC:INFO programme.

8. After COP 1, the dissemination of electronic information will continue, using the above channels. Funds permitting, some of the information will also be made available in languages other than English. It is also hoped that the entire document and information archive of the Convention could be made available on a periodically updatable CD-ROM.

9. Delegations may wish to contact the interim secretariat (Mr. Janos Pasztor, extension 3-1926) for further information concerning the electronic availability of documents.